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Cityscene

A Report to the Citizens of the City of Fairfax



DATELINE

BPOL Payment, Filing Due March 1

The deadline for city businesses to file and pay for the City of Fairfax business license (BPOL) is March 1. The postmark, not the postage meter date, will determine the filing and payment date of mailed applications.

License renewals and new licenses must be filed and paid to the Commissioner of the Revenue in City Hall. For information, call 703-385-7880.



**will be held
March 2-3 —
see page 2!**

Commercial Recycling Reports Due March 1

City business owners must submit an annual report on the amount of recycling their businesses generate. The business recycling report must be submitted electronically using a form on the city's website (accessible from the "Refuse & Recycling" link on the city's home page).

For information, call 703-385-7837.



**Mosby's Raid
Commemoration
set for
March 9 —
see page 2!**

**If you're new to the city, welcome!
Call 703-385-7800
for new resident information.**

City Considers Agreement with Fairfax Water, Seeks Input

Public Hearings and Outreach Meetings Scheduled

The City of Fairfax seeks community input as it re-examines a possible agreement with the Fairfax County Water Authority (Fairfax Water).

The Mayor and City Council request community feedback to help them decide whether to approve the framework for an agreement as a way to save residents and businesses money and curtail the increasing costs of running a small water system.

The City Council decided last spring to remain in the water treatment business. However, it has become necessary to re-examine this issue because circumstances have significantly changed — and it is necessary to re-engage the community on this important issue.

The current proposal is for Fairfax Water to provide for retail distribution of water to city customers, with the city selling its water treatment facility in Loudoun County.

The city, Fairfax County and Fairfax Water (with the urging of a federal court mediator) have discussed an opportunity to stabilize current and future customer rates. If the city chooses the option of Fairfax Water, the transition to Fairfax

Water rates would be complete in three years.

City water customers have received a letter from the Mayor and City Council and a news release on this matter — and a brochure is forthcoming. This and more information is available at www.fairfaxva.gov/water.

Public outreach meetings will be held at 7 p.m. March 21 and 11 a.m. April 6 at the Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. Public hearings will be held at the City Council meetings on March 12, March 26 and April 9.

These meetings allow the Mayor and City Council to outline the new proposal and the city's options for providing water to residents and businesses, as well as provide the community an opportunity to discuss this important matter.

City Council will hold a public hearing and consider approving framework of an agreement at its April 9 meeting. If approved, a final agreement would be drafted and approved at a later date.

Contact information for the Mayor and City Council is available on page 8. For information, call 703-385-7850.

City Budget Process Continues With Outreach Meeting in March

Budget Review Schedule

March 12: City Council meeting and work session — budget mark-up

March 19: public outreach meeting and work session (staff presentations)

March 26: public hearing and work session — real estate tax rate to be advertised

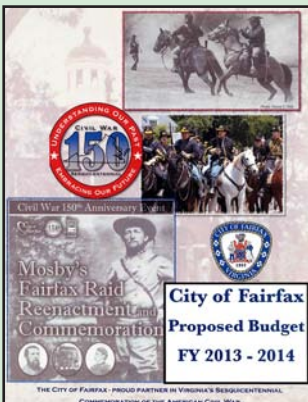
April 9: public hearing and work session

April 23: public hearing and work session

May 1: public hearing and budget adoption

Meetings and work sessions are held at the City Hall Annex and are televised; see page 5. Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed. Schedule is subject to change.

*Budget document available on city website or at City Hall.
Information: 703-385-7864.*





NEWS & NOTES

Virginia Tornado Drill to be Held March 12

In the past two years, more than five dozen tornadoes have hit Virginia — killing 10, injuring 200 and damaging more than a thousand homes.

To help Virginians be more prepared in case of this natural disaster, the city's Office of Emergency management encourages residents to participate in the statewide drill set for 9:45 a.m. March 12.

At that time, the National Weather Service will send a test warning, which will be broadcast on NOAA weather radios, as well as local radio and television stations. When the warning is issued, take the actions recommended in this emergency: find a windowless room in the lowest level of the building in which to crouch down and cover your head.

For information, visit www.ReadyVirginia.gov or call 703-385-4856.

City Hall Goes Dark for 'Earth Hour' March 23

The city supports the global energy conservation movement Earth Hour by turning out the lights March 23.

All non-essential City Hall lights will be extinguished for an hour beginning at 8:30 p.m. March 23. (City services will not be affected.)

Consider how you can participate in energy conservation using city resources, including CUE Bus, recycling, and more.

Find out more about this global energy conservation effort at earth-hour.org.

Find out first! Find out fast!
Sign up for eMAS,
the City of Fairfax electronic
message alert system,

on the
city's website:

www.fairfaxva.gov.

see the
city's
website!



Mosby's Raid Commemoration March 9



Information: www.fairfaxva.gov • 703-385-8414

Schedule of Events

- 9 am to 5 pm ~ Opening of new exhibit: "Civil War Fairfax 1863," Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street
- 10 am to 5 pm ~ Virginia Civil War 150 History Mobile Traveling Civil War Exhibition, Old Town Hall parking lot, 3999 University Drive
- 10:30 am ~ Mosby's Raid re-enactment and Cavalry tactics, Gunnell House at Truro Church, 10520 Main Street
- noon to 2 pm ~ Interpretive talks/tours at Mosby-related sights: Gunnell House, Ford House (3977 Chain Bridge Road), Murray-Moore House (3950 Chain Bridge Road), Fairfax County Courthouse Circuit Court Archives (4000 Chain Bridge Road)
- noon to 4 pm ~ Opening of new exhibits: "Currency in Conflict: Money in the Civil War" and "Abraham Lincoln: A Legacy in Numismatics," Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway
- 2 pm ~ Film screening: *John Singleton Mosby* (from History Channel's *Secret Missions of the Civil War*), Old Town Hall
- 2:30 - 4 pm ~ Mosby Scholars Symposium with Don Hakenson, Gregg Dudding, David Goetz, Eric Buckland, Chuck Mauro, Tom Evans and others, Old Town Hall
- 4-5 p.m. ~ Reception with Mosby authors, scholars (books for sale and signing), Old Town Hall
- 5-6:30 p.m. ~ Movie screening: *Mosby's Combat Operations in Fairfax County, Virginia*, Old Town Hall

General Information

- ☼ Parking available in Old Town Plaza garage, 3955 Chain Bridge Road
- ☼ Free
- ☼ Presented by the City of Fairfax Sesquicentennial Committee
- ☼ Schedule subject to change.



Chocolate Lovers Festival Schedule

Saturday, March 2

- Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale — 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fire Station 3
- Facepainting — 9 am to 1 pm, Fire Station 3
- Child Fingerprinting — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., City Hall Atrium
- Taste of Chocolate — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Old Town Hall
- Chocolate Challenge and Silent Auction — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nutrition Kitchen
- Q&A: Warren Brown and Sabrina Campbell — 10:30-11:30 a.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library
- The Chocolate Caper Mock Trial — 10:15-11:15 a.m., City Hall Annex
- Harley Eye Candy Photos — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., City Hall Atrium entrance
- Cake Decorating: Working with Chocolate Transfer Sheets — noon to 1 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library
- Fire Safety Puppet Show — noon to 1:30 pm, City Hall Annex
- So You Think You Are Smarter Than a Lawyer? — 12:45-1:45 p.m., City Hall Annex
- Art Activities — 1-3 p.m., Adam Lister Gallery
- Animal Ambassadors: Journey to the Jungle — 2-3 p.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library
- Cody & BJ: Let's All Be Green — 3:30-5 p.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library
- Open House and Exhibits — Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. • Legato School, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. • Ford Building, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. • Ratcliffe-Allison House, noon to 4 p.m.

Sunday, March 3

- Chocolate Challenge and Silent Auction — noon to 4 p.m., Nutrition Kitchen
- Taste of Chocolate — noon to 4 p.m., Old Town Hall
- Fire Safety Puppet Show — noon to 1:30 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library
- Art Activities — 1-3 p.m., Adam Lister Gallery
- Chocolate-Covered Fairy Tales — 2-3 p.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library
- Magic With Turley — 3:30-4:15 p.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library
- Open House and Exhibits — Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. • Legato School, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. • Ratcliffe-Allison House, noon to 4 p.m.

Schedule is subject to change. Visit www.chocolatefestival.net for an event map and information on parking, shuttle schedules, costs and more.

Information: www.chocolatefestival.net • 703-385-1661

City's Real Property Tax Base Increases Slightly in 2013

The city's real property tax base is projected to increase by about 2.14 percent for 2013. Equalization makes up 1.33 percent of this increase, while 0.81 percent is attributable to growth and new construction. This increase reflects moderately improved market conditions in the residential sector and mixed market conditions in the commercial sector.

Real estate assessment notices, which will be mailed in mid-March, will reflect an overall projected increase of about \$112 million in assessed value.

Residential assessments, which constitute roughly 61 percent of all assessments, will increase by about 2.02 percent overall this year, not including growth and new construction.

Existing single-family property assessments are expected to increase 2.1 percent on average, ranging from -4 percent in certain neighborhoods to as much as +8 percent in others.

Residential condominiums are expected to increase 2.4 percent on average, ranging from no change to +14 percent depending on the neighborhood. Townhomes are expected to increase 1.0 percent on average, ranging from -2 percent to +6 percent depending on the neighborhood.

Overall, commercial real estate as-

sessments, which constitute roughly 39 percent of all assessments, are projected to increase only 0.31 percent, not including growth and new construction. Average assessments will change for specific property types, including commercial condominiums (-4.2 percent), retail and restaurants (+1 percent), industrial flex/warehouse and multi-family (little or no change), as well as free-standing rental office buildings (+2 percent). Vacant commercial land is projected to remain level with 2012.

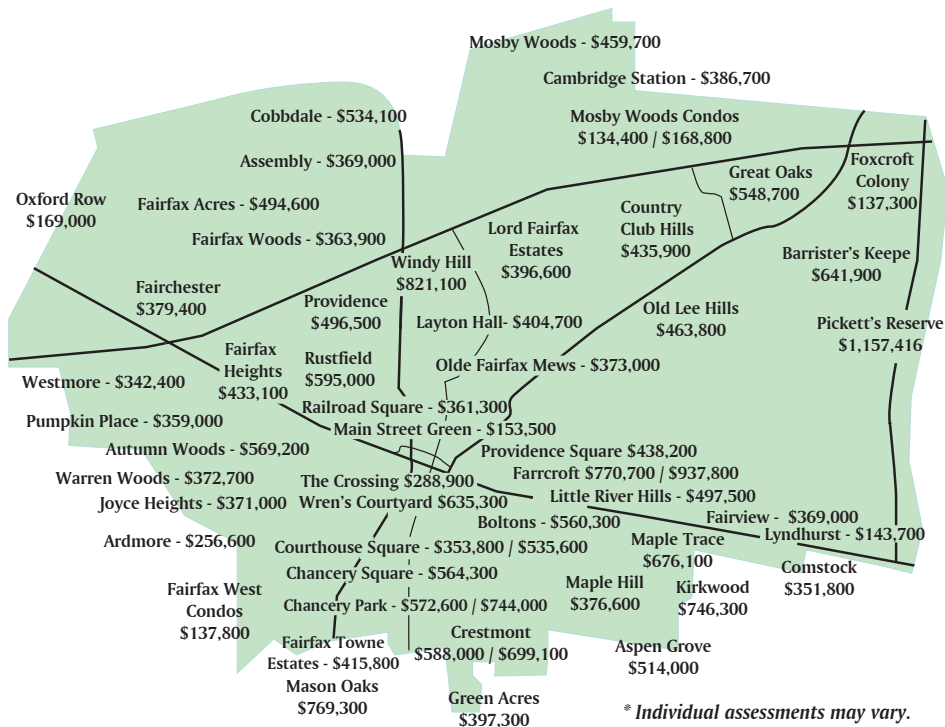
Commercial and residential development, newly constructed homes and residential and commercial renovations have added an estimated \$42 million to the property tax base for 2013.

Revenues projected from real estate assessments are central to the city's annual budget. The City Council will set the 2013 tax rate during the budget process. The tax rate determines the amount of real estate taxes paid for the calendar year.

Real estate assessments, made each year, are effective January 1.

Real estate assessment and sales information, as well as appeal forms, instructions, and other information are accessible on the city's website. For information, call 703-385-7840.

2013 Projected Average Residential Assessments*



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Leaf Collection: Bag 'Em Out of Season

When it's not leaf collection season, be a good neighbor and bag your leaves.

The city collects loose leaves at the curb only during at certain times of the year — and advises the date by which leaves should be at the curb for prompt collection. Once that date has passed, please bag leaves until that type of collection resumes.

Curbside leaf collection will be offered April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 for spring cleanup; please have leaves at the curb by 7 a.m. on collection day.

Spring Cleanup Day Set for April 27

April is Fairfax's Spring Cleanup Month, and the city provides services to assist with spring cleaning.

One of those services is Spring Cleanup Day, where individuals or groups choose a neighborhood or public area to clean up.

The city provides trash bags and collects the used trash bags on Spring Cleanup Day, which this year is set for April 27.

Choose a park, roadside, creek bed, historic property or other area that needs your attention. Obtain permission from the property owners, such as the city or community association, before beginning.

If April 27 doesn't work out, choose a different day — and see what arrangements can be made for assistance: call 703-385-7995.

Recycling, Disposal Information Available

The City of Fairfax has two flyers to help residents properly dispose of trash and recyclables in the city:

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City*
- *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever.*

For copies, visit the city's website (click on "Refuse & Recycling" on the home page) or call 703-293-7141.

INFORMATION: 703-385-7837

Civil War Weekend Set for April 27

Fairfax Civil War Weekend will be held April 27 at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. Scheduled activities include hay rides, Civil War-era music, speakers, drills and firing demonstrations. Look for information on the city's website and in the April *Cityscene*. For information, call 703-591-0560.

What's in Your Trash Can?

The City of Fairfax has one of the strongest recycling rates in Northern Virginia. However, we can always do more by reducing our trash amounts, reusing what we can and recycling as much as possible.

Use your trash can as a last resort. Much of our refuse can be disposed of differently, such as:

- Bubble wrap is accepted in most grocery store bag recycling bins.
- Food: start a compost pile for free, organic mulch.
- Compact fluorescent bulbs are hazardous waste. Take them to I-66 Transfer Station or some local businesses including Home Depot and Twins Ace Hardware (*confirm with the merchants*).
- Choose items packed in recyclable material and ask merchants and restaurants to use only recyclable materials.
- Use safe, reusable bottles.
- Keep your recycling bin easy to access.

The city will supply additional recycling bins as needed — or residents may use a trash can clearly marked "recyclables." For information, call 703-385-7837.

Parks Department Begins Strategic Master Plan Process

The Parks and Recreation Department, with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, have begun the first phase of a strategic master plan for parks, recreation, trails, open space and cultural activities.

A strategic master plan is a clear, concise and measurable set of goals, policies and objectives to provide direction future development, re-development, and enhancement of the city parks system.

The city will publish information regarding opportunities to participate. For information, call 703-385-7858.

Commission Seeks Public Input on City Charter

The City of Fairfax City Charter, adopted in 1961, currently is being reviewed — and the public is invited to assist in the process. The charter, which is the equivalent to a constitution, sets out broad guidelines of governance.

The City Council has established a seven-member committee to review the City Charter and invites the public to offer input regarding the charter. The next meeting of this committee will be at 7 p.m. March 6 in the City Manager's Office in City Hall, Room 316.

Please submit comments in writing

to City Charter Committee Chairman John Mason by March 22 at the City Manager's Office in City Hall or via e-mail (john.mason35@cox.net).

The City Charter, which is Part I of the City Code, is available on the city's website, in the Virginia Room of the City of Fairfax Regional Library and in the City Manager's Office.

After conducting a review and receiving public input, the committee will submit recommendations to the City Council.

For information, call 703-385-7936.

Leave the driving to us: take the CUE BUS, which travels around the city, to George Mason University and to the Vienna/Fairfax-GMU Metrorail Station. Information: www.fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-7859.

Partial Tax Exemption Offered for Renovated Homes

Residents who plan to substantially upgrade their older residences may be eligible for a partial real estate tax exemption.

The exemption amount is based on the increased value of the residence that has been substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced. Exemptions are given for a 10-year period, with a 100 percent exemption of the increased value for the first five years then decreasing percentage for years six through 10.

The residential structure — single-family house or duplex — must be at least 15 years old. The improvements

must increase the assessed value by at least 15 percent. The homeowner must obtain appropriate building permits and inspections during the home improvement process.

Applicant must apply for the exemption *before any construction begins* (preferably as soon as any required building permits are granted).

The city assessor will establish the base value of the home before construction begins, and approve the exemption upon final inspection after construction is finished.

For information, call 703-385-7840.

Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- **Board of Building Code Appeals** (five vacancies: architect, engineer, mechanical/plumbing, electrical, and fire protection representatives) — Hears appeals to the BOCA Code (Building Officials and Code Administrators) and makes recommendations to the state board of housing for changes or modifications to the building code.
- **Commission for Women** (one vacancy for city resident) — Identifies and advocates for the needs of women in the city. Promotes programs to increase awareness and provide services to the community. Open to men and women. Meets on the third Tuesday of the month.
- **Community Appearance Committee** (one vacancy for city resident or business representative) — Coordinates the city's Adopt-a-Spot program and clean-up month/day programs, in addition to commercial, residential and holiday decoration award programs. Meets on the fourth Thursday of the month.
- **Fairfax Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board** (one vacancy for city resident) — Serves as directorate for the local programs within the local Alcohol Safety Action Program.
- **Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board** (one vacancy for a city resident) — Oversees the mental-health, intellectual and developmental disability and substance use disorder services of the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church and Fairfax County.

Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required (at least one year living in the city and registered to vote in the city). Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Burrell. Vacancies are subject to change. Information: 703-385-7935.



MARCH CABLE SCHEDULE

School Board Meeting



Monday, March 4, 7:30 pm, LIVE
replays: Tuesday, March 5, 10 am, 7 pm;
Thursday, March 7, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online March 5

Planning Commission Meetings



Monday, March 11, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Tuesday, March 12, 10 am;
Thursday, March 14, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online March 12
Monday, March 25, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Tuesday, March 26, 10 am;
Thursday, March 28, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online March 26

City Council Meetings, Work Sessions



Tuesday, March 12, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Wednesday, March 13
and Friday, March 15, 10 am, 7 pm;

Saturday, March 16 and Sunday, March 17,
10 am, 7 pm

Archived online March 13

OnDEMAND replay begins March 17

Tuesday, March 26, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Wednesday, March 27 and
Friday, March 29, 10 am, 7 pm; Satur-
day, March 30 and Sunday, March 31,
10 am, 7 pm

Archived online March 27

OnDEMAND replay begins March 31

City Council Budget Outreach Meeting and Work Session



Tuesday, March 19, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Wednesday, March 20 and
Friday, March 22, 10 am, 7 pm; Satur-
day, March 23 and Sunday, March 24,
10 am, 7 pm

Archived online March 20

OnDEMAND replay begins March 24

The Fairfax Scene

Through March 14, take a tour of the
Ratcliffe-Allison House, the city's oldest resi-
dence that recently celebrated its bicentennial.
Beginning March 15, enjoy highlights
from the 2013 Chocolate Lovers Festival.

The Fairfax Scene plays at 2 pm and
6 pm daily. Show are archived online under
"special programming" and on the city's
YouTube channel.

Encore!

Enjoy encore performance of the City of
Fairfax Band at 4 pm daily.

The Road to Recovery

On days there are no meetings or meeting
replays, watch *The Road to Recovery*, a program
produced by the Department of Health and
Human Services, which plays in meeting
time slots.

Programming is subject to change — see Cityscreen-12 to confirm the programming schedule. Information: 703-385-7803.



Proposed Agendas for School Board, Planning Commission, City Council

School Board (for information, call 703-385-7911)

March 4 regular meeting

- Presentation of Fairfax High School All-Night Graduation Party donation.
- Student Representative Report.
- *Lanier Middle School: State of the School Report.*

March 18 work session

- Presentation on *Fairfax County Public Schools Hot Topics and Initiatives.*
- Review student panel questions.

Planning Commission (for information, call 703-385-7930)

March 11 regular meeting and work session

- Discussion of the proposed rezoning for a new shopping center at 9538 Lee Highway (next to the existing Arthur Treacher's restaurant north of Fairfax Circle).

March 25 regular meeting and work session

- No agenda items have been set.

City Council (for information, call 703-385-7935)

March 12 regular meeting and work session

- Introduction of a supplemental appropriation resolution for various federal- and state-funded projects.
- Public hearing on the framework for an agreement with the Fairfax County Water Authority.
- Presentation by Robinson, Frammer, Cox Associations C.P.A. of the fiscal year 2010-11 *City of Fairfax Comprehensive Annual Financial Report* (CAFR).

March 19 outreach meeting and work session

- Briefings by city departments on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2013-14.
- Public outreach on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2013-14.

March 26 regular meeting and work session

- Public hearings: on a request by 10512 Oak Place for a special exception to reduce the tree canopy requirement to zero; on a request by Northern Virginia Auto Body for a special exception for an auto body shop; on a supplemental appropriation resolution for various federal- and state-funded projects; on the framework for an agreement with the Fairfax County Water Authority.
- Consideration of the fiscal year 2013-14 maximum real estate tax rate to be advertised. (*This action sets the maximum real estate tax rate that can be adopted on May 1, 2013; this action does not set the real estate tax rate for fiscal year 2013-14.*)
- Discussion and mark-up of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2013-14.

Meeting information is subject to change; call to confirm.





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Community Services Board Solicits Input Online, at Meetings

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) solicits input from community members regarding what CSB services are most needed — for individuals, families and the community.

Participate in a brief online survey (at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FVKV2GB>) or speak at one of the public hearings set for March 7, 13 and 20.

Information from these sources will be considered by the CSB for guidance regarding the board's future direction.

For information, call 703-324-7000.

Rain Barrel Building Workshop Scheduled for March 23 at Green Acres

The Northern Virginia Rain Barrel Program Partnership — of which the city is a member — is holding a workshop to build rain barrels from 10 a.m. to noon March 23 at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road.

The two-hour workshop costs \$55, which includes the materials to build one rain barrel. (Additional rain barrels are available at \$55 each.)

Registration is required: visit www.arlingtonenvironment.org/be-green/live-green/barrel. For information, call 703-385-7816.

'End of Life' Discussion Set for April 14

Join the City of Fairfax Commission for Women for a panel discussion of "end

of life" issues. This discussion, "From Sunrise to Sunset: Caring and Preparing for End of Life Issues," will be held at 2 p.m. April 14 in the City Hall Annex.

This event will feature a panel discussion on the legal, physical and spiritual issues individuals and their caregivers face at the end of life — both for ourselves and while caring for friends and family members.

This topic crosses demographic lines: it affects both sexes, all income levels and ages — and is a conversation best held before the need arises.

Audience members will have an opportunity to interact with local vendors before and after the event.

For information, call 703-385-7894.

Find out first! Find out fast!

Sign up for eMAS, the city's electronic message alert system: emas.fairfaxva.gov

City Provides Real Estate Tax, Rent Relief

The City of Fairfax provides real estate tax and rental relief for senior citizens or city residents with permanent or total disabilities.

For real estate tax relief, the combined gross income limit is \$62,000 and the current asset limit is \$340,000. Different types of tax relief are granted on a sliding scale based on income.

Qualified homeowners may choose:

- *basic tax relief*, full or partial tax relief;
- *tax deferral*, the option of deferring real estate tax payments to a future date;
- *tax freeze*, which freezes the amount of real estate tax assessed in the year in which the taxpayer initially applies and becomes qualified; or
- *combination tax freeze and deferral*.

Rent relief is available for senior citizens and renters with permanent or total disabilities. The maximum income level is \$40,000 with a net worth ceiling of \$150,000. Assistance is a single payment of \$420 per year.

Applications for both of these programs are available from the Finance Department in City Hall, Room 312, and are due April 5.

For information, call 703-359-2486.

Share Your Talent: Volunteer for City Boards, Commissions

City residents and business leaders who want to volunteer on behalf of their communities may consider joining the city's boards and commissions.

From arts to aging, from community appearance to parks, there's bound to be a board or commission of interest. A list of city and regional boards and commissions is available on the city's website or in the City Clerk's Office in City Hall.

Current vacancies are announced in *The Cityscene* (see page 4), on Cityscreen-12, via eMAS and on the city's website. For information, e-mail CityClerk@fairfaxva.gov or call 703-385-7935.

Additionally, board vacancy news and notices are sent out via eMAS in the category *Boards and Commissions Vacancies and News* — be sure to update your eMAS subscription to include this category, or sign up for eMAS on the city's website at emas.fairfaxva.gov.

Applicants must be registered voters. If residency is required, applicants must have lived in the city for at least one year.

In Case of Emergency...

City newsline

703-273-1776

recorded information
24-hour access, updates

City website

www.fairfaxva.gov

24-hour access, updates

Cityscreen-12

Channel 12 on cable television
and city website
24-hour access, updates

eMAS message alert system

messages sent to subscribers
via e-mail, pager, text and phone
24-hour access, updates

1650 AM radio

24-hour access, updates

General Information

703-385-7855 (TTY: 7-1-1)
regular business hours

Office of Emergency Management

703-385-4856 (TTY: 7-1-1)
regular business hours

City of Fairfax Community Calendar

March 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Helpful Phone Numbers City government information..... 703-385-7855 City News and Events Line..... 703-273-1776 Arts and Cultural Events Line..... 703-352-ARTS City of Fairfax Regional Library 703-293-6227 Civil War Interpretive Center..... 703-591-0560 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center..... 703-385-8414 FHS Sports Line..... 703-749-8130 George Mason University events..... 703-993-1056 Information is subject to last-minute change.		Free federal and state tax assistance is available: by appointment through April 12 City of Fairfax City Hall 703-385-7880; <i>Page.Johnson@fairfaxva.gov</i> drop-in: AARP - TCE 10:30 am to 2 pm Thursdays, 1:30-5 pm Saturdays Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road (888) AARP-NOW drop-in: AARP - TCE 10 am to 2 pm Saturdays, Thomas Jefferson Library, 7415 Arlington Boulevard, Falls Church (888) AARP-NOW			1 BPOL licenses due Commercial Recycling Reports due Citizen Police Academy applications due Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	2  Chocolate Lovers Festival — see page 2 Young at Heart Flea Market, 8 am to 2 pm, Green Acres Center
3  Chocolate Lovers Festival — see page 2	4  Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) Vision Series: <i>Delayed and Cancelled!</i> , Center for the Arts	5 Evenings Under the Stars, 6 pm, George Mason University Observatory Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	6 City Charter Committee, 7 pm, City Hall Environmental Sustainability Committee, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	7 Fairfax City Democratic meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	8 Sherwood Cinema Series: <i>Hop</i> , 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) Washington Saxophone Quartet, 8 pm, Old Town Hall	9  Community Garden grand opening, 9 am, Kutner Park (see page 8) <i>Mosby's Raid Commemoration</i> , 10 am to 6:30 pm — see page 2 Children's and Young Adult Book Sale, 10 am to 3 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library
10 Second Sunday Series: <i>Chocolate Through Time: A Taste of History</i> , 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center (see page 8) Irish Ceili Dance, 3 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim	11  Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)	12  Statewide tornado drill— see page 2 City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	13 League of Women Voters meeting, 6:15 pm, Yen Cheng Restaurant, 9992 Main Street Spotlight on the Arts Center Historic Fairfax City, Inc., meeting 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center	14 Vendor applications due Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center	15 Book Sale, 10 am to 5 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	16 Book Sale, 10 am to 5 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library Swing Dances at Sherwood, 8 pm (free dance lessons at 7:30 pm), Sherwood Community Center
17 Book Sale, 1-4 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library <i>Northern Virginia Youth Winds: Winter Concert</i> , 3 pm, Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road	18 Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School	19  City Council public outreach meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center Commission for Women meeting, 7:15 pm, City Hall	20 Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, 4031 University Drive Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	21 <i>Friday Morning Music Club</i> , 11 am, Old Town Hall Water public outreach meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center Independence Day Celebration Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	22 Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) Alex Hassan, Doug Bowles & Kari Paludan, 8 pm, Old Town Hall	23 <i>Young at Heart Antiques and Trinkets Appraisal Show</i> , 10 am to 12:30 pm, Green Acres Center Build Your Own Rain Barrel Workshop, 10 am, Green Acres Center City of Fairfax Band: <i>The Lighter Side of Life</i> , 8 pm, Fairfax High School
24 Electric Sunday, 10 am to 3 pm, I-66 Transfer Station	25  Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)	26  City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	27 	28 Community Appearance Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	29  Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. For information, visit today.gmu.edu or call 703-993-1056.	30  • April is Spring Cleanup Month • Spring Cleanup Day is April 27 • Curbside leaf collection will be provided in April — see schedule on page 3 Information: 703-385-7995
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Summer Camp Registration Continues

Registration for returning participants of the city's summer camp program continues exclusively through March 11.

All first-time campers may begin registration March 11, space permitting.

Programs for children age 3 (pre-kindergarten) through rising 10th graders are held from June 24 to August 9 in city schools, either for seven weeks or in designated two-week sessions. Specialty camps also are offered.

Registration is accepted in person from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at City Hall (Room 123), Green Acres Center (4401 Sideburn Road) or the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center (3740 Old Lee Highway).

Registration also may be faxed to 703-246-6321 or mailed to the Parks and Recreation Department at City Hall.

Indoor Flea Market Set for March 2

Find that special treasure and support the Young at Heart Senior Center: stop by the annual indoor flea market and bake sale scheduled from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 2 at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road.

Shoppers can take a break at the Young at Heart Café, open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the flea market.

Sherwood Cinema Series Continues March 8

Catch a family movie for free on the second Friday of the month at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. Lights go down at 7 p.m., and participants may bring their own snacks.

Scheduled movies include *Hop* March 8 and *Toy Story 3* April 12.

Kutner Park Community Garden Opens March 9

Get your garden on: rent a plot in the city's newest community garden at Kutner Park, 3901 Jermentown Road. The garden will open with a ribbon-cutting at 9 a.m. March 9.

Plots are available to city residents on a first-come, first-serve basis. Cost is \$60 (plus \$50 security deposit) for a 10x10-foot plot. Information and applications are available on the city website.

Vendor Applications Due March 14

The City of Fairfax seeks applications

for vendors to participate in three city special events:

- Food vendors are sought for the Independence Day activities July 4.
- Craft and food vendors are sought for the Fall Festival October 12 and the Holiday Craft Show November 16-17.

Application are due March 14 and are available on the city's website.

Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts Begins April 19

Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts, the area's premiere arts festival featuring more than 40 events showcasing local performance and visual artists, will begin April 19. Events will continue in and around Fairfax through May 6.

This year's Spotlight, with the theme "An Artistic Kaleidoscope," features familiar artists as well as non-traditional arts and cultural groups. Spotlight's events reflects the depth and diversity of Fairfax's community.

For information, visit www.fairfaxspotlight.org or call 703-352-ARTS.

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for classes, trips, activities,
special events and more!**

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-385-7858 (TTY Relay: 7-1-1).



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